

Chambers of Circuit Judge William Jay Riley *continued*

Legal Practice: Associate, Fitzgerald, Schorr, Barmettler & Brennan, PC, LLO (1973-1979); Partner, Fitzgerald, Schorr, Barmettler & Brennan, PC, LLO (1979-2001)

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Michael J. Melloy
 Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1948
 Education: Loras 1970 BA; Iowa 1974 JD
 Began Service: February 26, 2002
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Judicial: Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Iowa (1986-1992); District Judge, United States District Court for the Northern District of Iowa (1992-2002)

Legal Practice: Partner, O'Connor, Thomas, Wright, Hammer, Bertsch & Norby (1974-1986)

Military Service: United States Army (1970-1972); United States Army Reserve, United States Department of the Army (1972-1976)

Current Memberships: The Dean Mason Ladd American Inn of Court, The American Inns of Court; Dubuque County Bar Association; Iowa State Bar Association; Linn County Bar Association

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Lavenski R. Smith
 Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1958
 Education: Arkansas 1981 BA, 1987 JD
 Began Service: July 19, 2002

Academic: Assistant Professor, John Brown University (1994-1996)

Government: Regulatory Liaison, Office of the Governor, State of Arkansas (1996-1997); Chairman, Public Service Commission, State of Arkansas (1997-1999)

Judicial: Associate Justice, Arkansas Supreme Court (1999-2000)

Legal Practice: Law Clerk, Hall, Wright & Morris (1985-1987); Staff Attorney, Ozark Legal Services (1987-1991); Sole Proprietor, Smith Law Office (1991-1994)

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Steven M. Colloton
 Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: January 9, 1963
 Education: Princeton 1985 BA; Yale 1988 JD
 Began Service: September 30, 2003
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush

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Raymond W. Gruender III
 Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1963
 Education: Washington U (MO) 1984 BA, 1987 MBA, 1987 JD
 Began Service: June 28, 2004
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Government: U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of Missouri, United States Attorney's Office, United States Department of Justice, George H.W. Bush Administration (1990-1994)

Legal Practice: Associate, Lewis, Rice & Fingersh, L.C. (1987-1990); Partner, Thompson Coburn LLP (1994-2000)

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Duane Benton
 Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1950
 Education: Northwestern 1972 BA; Yale 1975 JD; Memphis State 1979 MBA; Virginia 1995 LLM
 Began Service: July 8, 2004
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Academic: Adjunct Professor, Westminster College; Adjunct Professor, School of Law, University of Missouri, Columbia

Government: Administrative Assistant (R-MO, District 8), Office of Representative R. Wendell Bailey, United States House of Representatives (1980-1982); Director, Revenue Department, State of Missouri (1989-1991)

Judicial: Judge, Missouri Supreme Court (1991-2004); Chief Justice, Missouri Supreme Court (1997-1999)

Military Service: United States Navy (1975-1979); Judge Advocate General CAPT, United States Navy Reserve, United States Department of the Navy (1979-2002)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; The Missouri Bar Association; Missouri Society of Certified Public Accountants

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Bobby E. Shepherd
 Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1951
 Education: Ouachita Baptist 1973 BA; Arkansas 1976 JD
 Began Service: October 2006
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Judicial: Circuit-Chancery Judge, Arkansas 13th Judicial District (1991-1993); Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Arkansas (1993-2006)

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1976-1990)

Military Service: United States Army Reserve, United States Department of the Army (1976-1981)

Current Memberships: Arkansas Bar Association; Federal Magistrate Judges Association; Union County Bar Association

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Myron H. Bright
 Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1919
 Education: Minnesota 1941 BSL, 1947 JD
 Began Service: 1968
 Appointed By: President Lyndon B. Johnson
 Political Affiliation: Democrat

Academic: Distinguished Professor of Law, Saint Louis University (1985-1990); Professor Emeritus, School of Law, Saint Louis University (1990-1995)

Legal Practice: Partner, Wattam, Vogel, Vogel, Bright and Peterson (1947-1968)

Military Service: Captain, United States Army Air Corps (1942-1946)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis; Cass County Bar Association; Federal Judges Association; State Bar Association of North Dakota

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